

I have been reading recently that Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air "Stolen Honor," a blatantly false piece of anti-Kerry propaganda. At any other time, this might be considered mere slander. But coming just days before the election it amounts to criminal interference in the American democratic system. These people are using their enormous influence to affect election results, and it must not be allowed.

I urge you not to renew the license of any station that broadcasts "Stolen Honor." Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. By broadcasting a smear piece containing allegations the US Navy has stated are false, Sinclair is undermining our democratic system in a direct and dangerous way.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.